

<p style="text-align: center;">Idaho 44 Corridor Preservation Study <i>Middleton Workshop—August 22, 2007</i></p>	
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<p>Question 1: Do you support an alternate route for the city of Middleton? (117)</p>	
<p>YES</p>	
<p><i>A total of 107 participants answered yes to this question. The participants had the following comments:</i></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support a bypass just not in my living room or within a ¼ mile.
<input type="checkbox"/>	What controlled intersections would there be?
<input type="checkbox"/>	The main concern should widening 44 thru to Eagle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Study should support project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	With lights.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic will definitely dictate this alt route in the near future.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe but I live ____ a ____ impact on wildlife and farming. I want to maintain all the farmland and wildlife habitat we can.
<input type="checkbox"/>	How would this affect other roads.
<input type="checkbox"/>	As long as it is NOT Purple Sage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Depends on where it is. NOT Purple Sage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the idea of an alternate route for 44 around the city of Middleton.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The city has planned for multiple years on this project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	As long as it is south of town.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the river, wetlands, and Duff Pond are protected. No—if the current plan which is lazy is utilized. The ____ portion/land uses chosen—not what I good for the environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoids congestion on present route.
<input type="checkbox"/>	As soon as possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown vitality is completely predicated on this bypass happening SOON! If there's no bypass Middleton will die.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I'll let you decide the best route.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support an alternate around Middleton City. Get it done soon so people can plan and land can be acquired. Don't wait.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In favor of alternate route.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep all thru traffic away from Middleton.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic away from Middleton.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support an alternate route around the south of Middleton. However, I believe that an alternate route should line up with the Emmett highway with a light.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If traffic was diminishing I would say no. If you don't believe it is increasing I have some ocean front property to sell you.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs to shift south.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It's a good idea.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Either Willis or Purple Sage/Goodson. Willis has more houses than Goodson.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is essential since existing is Level of Service F and a pedestrian and vehicle safety ____ and area each peak hour and at other times throughout the daytime, except Sundays.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To the south as shown by the red dots. This is critical if Middleton hopes to have a pedestrian friendly town.

<input type="checkbox"/> Right of way partially exists.
<input type="checkbox"/> Willis—Goodson—Purple Sage alternative route.
<input type="checkbox"/> As soon as possible highway access control on highway 44 a must!
<input type="checkbox"/> As soon as possible.
<input type="checkbox"/> The future traffic assessment would not be good for our school kids. MMS/MHS is on the present 44.
<input type="checkbox"/> In favor of the bypass.
<input type="checkbox"/> Needed like yesterday.
<input type="checkbox"/> As soon as possible.
NO
<i>There was one participant that answered no to this question.</i>
UNDECIDED
<i>There were 8 participants that were undecided. The participants had the following comments:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know when right of ways for current hwy are going to be purchased for those who have not been purchased.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am new to Middleton.
<input type="checkbox"/> Need more information (2 comments).
<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough info regarding location.
COMMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Move traffic to 20/26. Less city impact, better highway success use 44 to feed 20/26.

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<p>Question 2: Do you support the alternate route identified in the Middleton Comprehensive Plan? If no, please draw a line on the map provided. (128)</p>	
<p>YES</p>	
<p><i>A total of 92 participants answered yes to this question. The participants had the following comments:</i></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No matter what people will be affected but the comprehensive plan alt route seems to affect the fewest by far.
<input type="checkbox"/>	With revisions—note #3.
<input type="checkbox"/>	As long as it is not too close to the river and not on Purple Sage Road.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We also need a belt-route on the foothills north of Middleton all the way to downtown Boise.
<input type="checkbox"/>	What will the impact be on the river?
<input type="checkbox"/>	But 7 years is too long. When visiting Post Office, etc. you cannot turn left. I feel most truck, vehicles are not going to visit our merchants anyway!
<input type="checkbox"/>	But stay away from my yard and keep the road inside Middleton's city limits. No—go a little straighter and start further away from.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please bring it onto highway 44 and Emmett Rd. though.
<input type="checkbox"/>	But make sure city preserves corridor thru land use planning.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A must do soon!
<input type="checkbox"/>	In general location. If you don't please let the city know so we can attempt to plan ahead of events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Much process and thought by the public went into this route. Many hearings and public input.
<input type="checkbox"/>	With revisions see notes on map.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the plan includes proper noise barriers for the corridor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It worked in Eagle—do not go to the north.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At least as large as the roadway in Eagle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The route happens to be well selected.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In proximity EIS will ultimately move the actual route within reason of what is currently mapped out.
<p>NO</p>	
<p><i>There were a total of 26 participants that answered no to this question. The participants had the following comments:</i></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	But unsure because this may have ill affects on Middleton community. What effects have been proposed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Go south more.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I think the by pass should start east of Emmett Road
<input type="checkbox"/>	Go south alone ____!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Too close to the river and Duff Pond. The route must go north—to the bench is necessary.

<input type="checkbox"/> Need to shift south towards to treatment plan. Impact=noise, environmental, dust.
<input type="checkbox"/> It is very close to my house and would ruin our quality of life.
<input type="checkbox"/> Because Emmett citizens use Emmett Road as a route to the malls in Nampa and to go to Caldwell and the Freeway. So the by-pass should come out at Emmett Road And because of the new high school.
<input type="checkbox"/> But with extending east side to or past Duff Lane.
<input type="checkbox"/> It will impact me as a property owner. Noise, property value.
<input type="checkbox"/> Why can't the alternate route be further south beyond the river, maybe? Keeping away from Middleton.
<input type="checkbox"/> South of Hubble homes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to go more south. Property owner, noise concern.
UNDECIDED
<i>There were 7 participants that were undecided. The participants had the following comments:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Should be past bulk of homes—past Canyon Lane—don't want all that traffic on my doorstep (2 comments)
<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough info just from the map to made a decision! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased businesses on Middleton Road and north of Highway 44 at Duff ○ Would a raised bypass have any benefits? ○ Why not come out closer to interstate for future growth?
<input type="checkbox"/> Could impact friends in the area.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am undecided at this point because I don't know what it will do to my property value, access to business, and noise level. What will this do to business property that relies on traffic? Access from bypass needs to be at Hartley Road not cemetery.
COMMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> (1) What will the intersection at Middleton Road look like?
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Are the main entry and exit points of the bypass controlled by traffic signals?
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) How many intersections will be along the bypass?
<input type="checkbox"/> Put light in
<input type="checkbox"/> Think bigger! North of Middleton to Boise State is overloaded!

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Question 3: What are the environmental issues in the project areas that need to be addressed? (67)

A total of 67 participants responded to this question. Of the 67 responses 30 responded there were no environmental issues, 15 responded that they did not know and 24 participants responded yes or listed out the issues. The participants had the following comments:

- ☐ Traffic noise, wildlife habitat replacement, air pollution, buffers to residential areas.
- ☐ That area is a floodplain. Concerns about wetlands and drainage.
- ☐ Too close to residential try more south.
- ☐ Wildlife is in or near willow creek. Fox, quail, deer, beaver, hawks, turkeys, pheasant, coyote. Noise and dust.
- ☐ How many (if any) homes will be at risk and who will compensate them?
- ☐ Floodplain, wetlands.
- ☐ Much wildlife is in or near Willow Creek. Fox, deer, beaver, hawks, numerous bird species, cottonwoods and other wetland plants. (just to mention a few...turkey, pheasant, coyote, quail)
- ☐ Live streams. We have 2 of them.
- ☐ Possible wetland impact.
- ☐ Raymond Dr./Hwy 44. Middleton Westside Hwy 44
- ☐ Wildlife on the road.
- ☐ Possible original town site
- ☐ This bypass will ruin a rural way of life, like game. The live stream impact and besides our residence.
- ☐ (1) The national artesian springs in the entire Middleton area (2) Duff Lane Pond (3) Drainage from Duff Lane Pond to drainage canal (Duff Lane pond is Artesian Fed) (4) Protection of the entire river corridor—both noise and water/wetlands protection.
- ☐ The EIS statement should cover these issues.
- ☐ Noise issues need to be addressed. A possible barrier as Eagle has would be good.
- ☐ Keep noise away from residential areas.
- ☐ How about bike lanes?
- ☐ Near surface ground water in high aggregate soils.
- ☐ Wildlife
- ☐ Not yet enough of the impact studies done yet to figure out the impacts—needs to be readdressed after:
 - Environmental impacts
 - Noise studies
 - Exact designs have been determined
 - School impacts/bus routes/local events
- ☐ Traffic noise—install barriers like done in sections of Eagle and I-84 near Flying Y.
- ☐ Old mill and house by the dotted line.

COMMENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there any other road that will connect with the bypass road?
<input type="checkbox"/>	You are going to have to do the study.

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Question 4: Questions

- ☐ Jim Weast property owner on the north side adjacent to river. People want to put greenbelt on the north side of river. Why not put the greenbelt along the south alternate and continue to Caldwell?
- ☐ What measures will be taken to buffer the noise impact to surrounding property owners?
- ☐ On 20/26 and 44 does ITD own the ground between the existing fences?
- ☐ If landowners are to be displaced from Middleton bypass—Will they be adequately compensated so that they can actually purchase a/o home/property? Folks have been living on the proposed bypass land for many years.
- ☐ What happened to Highway 20/26 as an expressway? That would take some pressure off Highway 44.
- ☐ Can sales tax be slightly increased only for these road projects until completed, maybe 2-4 %?
- ☐ The city of Middleton has been collecting traffic light fees per plate unit. Thus at this date there is a need for seven lights. If the city could get the by-pass sooner, they would replace the signal lights, with roundabouts.
- ☐ If possible Bypass needs to be connected to Emmett Road
- ☐ Are traffic lights proposed for Highway 44 at major intersections Duff Lane, Lansing, Middleton Road?
- ☐ Will Emmett Rd be extended to comprehensive plan designed route?
- ☐ With the West Nile Virus problem we shouldn't have to worry about filling wetlands.
- ☐ The Middleton School District has plans for a future high school at Emmett and Willis has this been considered in the Western start of the bypass?
- ☐ Are there any intersections that have signals planned?
- ☐ Will these corridors for 44 and 20/26 be ahead of Hwy 16 extension to freeway?
- ☐ The City of Middleton has protected the south right away from developers for a set period of time, then yearly extensions. The extensions are short, then the city will return rights to plat to the developer.
- ☐ With alternate route, can't route 44 stay 2-lane? All major traffic would take alt. Route leaving Middleton to Middleton residents only.
- ☐ Can the route be kept for local traffic only?
- ☐ Can 20/26 be a 4 lane with divider?

<input type="checkbox"/> If we are at the point of trying to identify a route in 2007 was the time and money spent to date wasted?
<input type="checkbox"/> Will they eventually widen 44 from alternate to Boise?
<input type="checkbox"/> (1) With all northern platting where is that traffic going to be funneled? (2) Will the new high school be at Willis and Emmett Road? How will that relate to a.m. traffic and access to the bypass? Doesn't show access to bypass. (3) What happens when the 4 lane drops back onto 44 just past Canyon Lane? Will improvements be in place to widen that roadway to I-84? Too much congestion for residential. Should be in place now to reserve commercial zoning. No more subdivisions and residential homes along that road.
OTHER QUESTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> What controlled intersections would there be?
<input type="checkbox"/> What effects have been proposed?
<input type="checkbox"/> Why can't the alternate route be further south beyond the river?
<input type="checkbox"/> What will the intersection at Middleton Road look like?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the main entry and exit points of the bypass controlled by traffic signals?
<input type="checkbox"/> How many intersections will be along the bypass?
<input type="checkbox"/> How many (if any) homes will be at risk and who will compensate them?
<input type="checkbox"/> How about bike lanes?
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there any other road that will connect with the bypass road?